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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Special Sessions Update

#### Water Supply Special Session

Five bills have been introduced in the Assembly to address water supply reliability in the Special Session. **AB 2X 1 (Laird)**, **AB 2X 2 (Laird)**, and **AB 2X 3 (Laird)** are spot bills, or placeholders, which currently state Legislative intent to 1) enact a comprehensive delta sustainability, water reliability, and water quality general obligation bond act; 2) invest funding in programs and projects that improve the State's water supply and promote certain principles, and 3) review and adopt a comprehensive strategy to resolve issues of water supply reliability, ecosystem restoration, water quality, and levee system integrity.

**AB 2X 4 (Villines)** is a nearly identical version of **SB 2X 4 (Cogdill)** which appropriates a total of \$553 million in bond funding from Proposition 1E (2006), Proposition 84 (2006), and Proposition 50 (2002) to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Department of Public Health for a variety of water projects, particularly related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. **AB 2X 5 (DeVore)** would authorize the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to certify one new nuclear fission thermal reactor located at the site of an existing operating nuclear fission

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thermal power plant, if not less than 20 percent of the electricity generated by the reactor is dedicated to powering desalinization facilities to produce additional fresh water from salt water and the generating capacity of the reactor does not exceed 2,000 megawatts.

### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-sponsored SB 959 (Romero)**, which would authorize boards of supervisors to allow correctional administrators to implement an involuntary home detention program that includes electronic monitoring when jails are overcrowded, was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2007. SB 959 (Chapter 252 of the Statutes of 2007) extends current law that allows the electronic monitoring of prisoners on a voluntary basis. Under this bill, counties would be able seek reimbursement from participants for the cost of this program. In Los Angeles County, the Sheriff estimates that up to 2,000 persons could participate in this program at one time. As an urgency measure, SB 959 was effective upon signature.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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